Re: This needs your immediate attention

From: Michel Moore <23506@lapd.online> Sat, Jun 13, 2020 at 2:11 PM PDT (GMT-07:00)
To: Dominic Choi <32350@lapd.online>
Cc: Joshua Rubenstein <n5373@lapd.online>; Gisselle Espinoza <31041@lapd.online>; Richard Tefank <n3025@lapd.online>

I agree the narrative is very uneven across the history.

On Jun 13, 2020, at 2:09 PM, Dominic Choi <32350@lapd.online> wrote:

Let's take out the narrative for now. The link will say something like "web redesign in process." Then we can get the proper language/message to post.

DOMINIC H. CHOI, Deputy Chief
Chief of Staff
Office of the Chief of Police

From: Joshua Rubenstein <n5373@lapd.online>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2020 2:04:45 PM
To: Gisselle Espinoza <31041@lapd.online>
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All

Here is the replacement narrative that Commissioner Bonner was speaking of. It was sent to the Commissioners back at the beginning of May…but I think there was a desire to incorporate into the larger Historical Narrative initiative the Department is working on.

We can replace the historical section with this…or simply remove the page and revisit with more input from BOPC.

Josh

On Jun 13, 2020, at 1:42 PM, Gisselle Espinoza <31041@lapd.online> wrote:

I'm talking with online folks they are removing now, and will let me know when done

GISSELLE ESPINOZA , Captain
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On Jun 13, 2020, at 1:41 PM, Michel Moore <23506@lapd.online> wrote:

Ok.

On Jun 13, 2020, at 1:38 PM, Dominic Choi <32350@lapd.online> wrote:

I'll get Giselle on it. Josh is AFC.

DOMINIC H. CHOI, Deputy Chief

From: Michel Moore <23506@lapd.online>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2020 1:36:09 PM
To: Joshua Rubenstein <n5373@lapd.online>; Dominic Choi <32350@lapd.online>
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Subject: Fwd: This needs your immediate attention

Josh

Let's get this link taken down ASAP and let me know when accomplished.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dale Bonner <n6154@lapd.online>
Date: June 13, 2020 at 1:28:24 PM PDT
To: Michel Moore <23506@lapd.online>
Subject: This needs your immediate attention

Mike – I hope you're holding up well during this sustained test of leadership and resilience.

I've effectively taken a temporary leave of absence from my job so I can devote my full attention to the matters at hand. This has included a lot of reading, conversation and reflection on some of the critical work ahead. I'll be asking Richard to work with your office in finding us an hour to talk through a number of issues and ideas sometime next week so we have this opportunity before the next commission meeting.

In the meantime, I know you're aware that all levels of government across the country are moving quickly to remove painful reminders of past racial injustice.

Several months ago I directed your attention to messaging on the Department's website that many in the public, this commissioner, and even some Department personnel find troubling and hurtful.

http://lapdonline.org/history_of_the_lapd

In particular, whatever his positive contributions may have been, Chief Parker is today most widely associated with a legacy of racist brutality. And yet, the Department, through its website, appears to embrace the view that he left "a tradition to be maintained by all future Los Angeles police officers" and "an example for all police agencies to follow."

Further, in the wake of the George Floyd killing and the resulting controversies around the carotid hold, it's equally troubling to see the glowing tribute to Chief Gates (Chief Parker's adjutant, I believe) with the conclusion that he took a place alongside Chief Parker as "an answer to their troubled times."

I understand there is historical context around these and other statements on the website, and I would expect much of this to be addressed in connection with the efforts underway to update the website and achieve and train on a more balanced and accurate account of the Department's history.

Still, I believe now is the time to demonstrate maximum sensitivity to and understanding of the world we face today and the future I believe you are committed to bringing about.

Therefore, I suggest you not wait for the impending website redesign but instead act immediately to have the current language removed. I'm aware that Josh has come up with a more streamlined approach to note the service of prior chiefs, and now would seem to be an appropriate time to get that language up pending further updates to the website.

If there's a reason this can't be accomplished I'll need to know right away as this kind of language sends a distinctly wrong message that cuts hard against the grain of all efforts underway to respect and respond to public demands for change.

Dale E. Bonner
Commissioner
Los Angeles Police Department
Board of Police Commissioners

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